IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

V.

Ely Samuel Alvarado-Cartagena,

Defendant

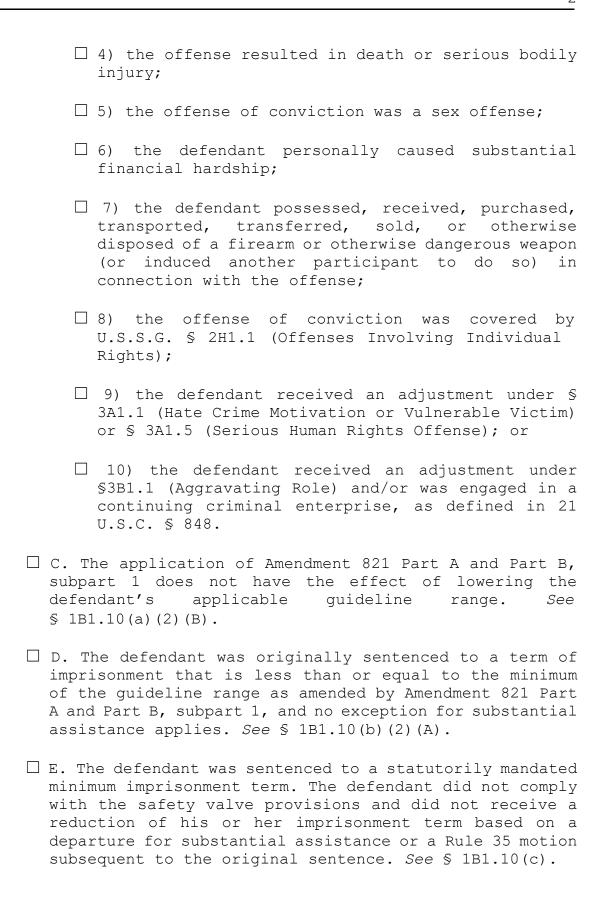
Criminal No. 20-cr-141-1-RAM

MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION Re: Amendment 821

The below report and recommendation relates to an initial determination as to the defendant's eligibility for a sentencing reduction promulgated by the United States Sentencing Commission under Part A and Part B, Subpart 1 of Amendment 821 to Policy Statement § 1B1.10(d).

After careful review of the defendant's presentence report, charging document(s), plea agreement, plea supplement, judgment, and statement of reasons, I recommend that:

\square The defendant is <u>not</u> eligible for a sentence reduction base on the following factor(s):	ed
☐ A. The guidelines range that applied in the defendant case was not determined by U.S.S.G. § 4A1.1(d) defendant's status as a zero-point offender und Chapter 4, Part A.	or
\square B. The defendant does not meet <u>all</u> of condition specified by § 4C1.1. Specifically, one or more of the following criteria applies:	
1) the defendant has criminal history points fro Chapter Four, Part A;	m
☐ 2) the defendant received an adjustment und U.S.S.G. § 3A1.4 (Terrorism);	er
3) the defendant used violence or credible threat of violence in connection with the offense;	ts



Since a determination of ineligibility has been made, the matter is formally submitted to the presiding District Court Judge. Defense counsel, whether retained, appointed, or pro bono, has fourteen days to object to the initial assessment of ineligibility. After the fourteen day period, and in the absence of an objection by defense counsel, the presiding District Court Judge may adopt the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge and may rule on the motion for reduction of sentence.

□ The defendant may be eligible for a sentence reduction and therefore the matter is referred to a United States District Judge.

The presiding judicial officer shall wait for the parties' stipulation of a sentence reduction within fourteen days. If no stipulation is reached within this period, the presiding judicial officer shall wait for the United States Probation Office, defense counsel, and the Government's memoranda, which shall be filed within another fourteen days.

Reasons: Defendant pled guilty to possessing a firearm in connection with drug trafficking (Count One) and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. (Count Three). Dkt. 115 at 1. He received the mandatory minimum 60-month sentence for Count One. Dkt. 101 at 1; Dkt. 115 at 2.

As for Count Three, Defendant received 5 criminal history points, including 2 for committing the instant offense while serving a term of supervised release. Dkt. 101 at 11 ¶ 47. Under Amendment 821, he would not have received those 2 status points. With 3 criminal history points, Defendant would have been placed in criminal history category II. Given his total offense level of 15, he would have had a guideline range of 21 to 27 months. Because he is currently serving a 30-month sentence for Count Three, he may be eligible for a sentence reduction.

IT IS SO RECOMMENDED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 25th day of April, 2024.

s/ Bruce J. McGiverin
BRUCE J. McGIVERIN

United States Magistrate Judge